

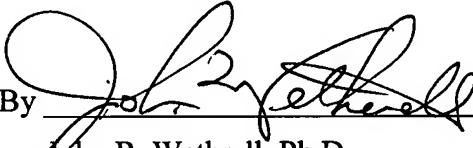
**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this amendment is requested along with an early action on the merits of this application. By this amendment, claims 1 - 14 have been cancelled. Claims 15 - 22 are pending in this application.

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